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For the first time in my life I am compelled to contact an office of my Federal government.

I am appalled at the "settlement" your department has reached with Microsoft. It disgusts me to see that a corporation that abuses its monopoly power and lies in federal court about its actions can receive virtually no penalty for that behavior. Your office is supposed to protect people like me from the likes of Microsoft. I voted for G.W. Bush but would not have done so were I aware that this obvious sellout would be the outcome. I'm sure that the decision to "settle" in this manner was cloaked in the guise of stimulating our weakening economy. What in effect you have done is to enhance the ability of that bully corporation (Microsoft) to further stifle ingenuity and creativity at the expense of the consumer and the taxpayer. This "settlement" will serve to only embolden Microsoft in the ruthless use of its power to crush their rivals.

Today I am ashamed of my government.

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